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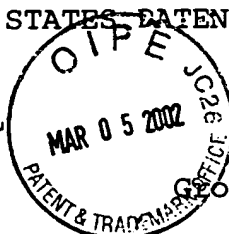
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of one month to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on November 16, 2001; because of this extension the time period for response will expire on February 16, 2002. Filed herewith is a complete response to said Notice.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1270 in the amount of \$110.00, the fee for this extension; and charge any additional fees except for the Issue Fee, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Marion".

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